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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL-SENIOR POSTS IN OPI

REF: (A) USUN 00628 (B) STATE 036858 (C) USUN 0392
(D) STATE 019350 (E) USUN 0098

1. AS STATED IN REFTEL (B), WALDHEIM ENTITLED TO SELECT
HIS OWN QUOTE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER UNQUOTE FOR THAT
REASON, WE DECIDED NOT TO CONTEST HIS REPORTED DECISION TO
APPOINT STAJDUHAR TO REPLACE POWELL AS SPOKESMAN.

2. HOWEVER, SINCE ACCORDING TO REFTEL (A), IT NOW APPEARS
THAT SYG HAS NOT GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO STAJDUHAR
APPOINTMENT, DOOR MAY BE OPEN FOR US TO PRESENT U.S.
CANDIDATES. SEARCH FOR CANDIDATES CONTINUES; EARL FOELL,
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CHRISTIAN-SCIENCE MONITOR AND HENRY TREWHITT, BALTIMORE
SUN, HAVE DECLINED CONSIDERATION. LOU CIOFFI, UN
CORRESPONDENT FOR ABC NEWS WILL LET US KNOW IF INTERESTED.
JACK BAUSMAN OF AP IS INTERESTED AND WE ARE POUCHING HIS
FORMS TO CUNNINGHAM, USUN. JOHN TRATTNER, DEPT'S.
SPOKESMAN IS TRYING TO HELP US LOCATE OTHER CANDIDATES.
CHARLES BRAY, DEP. DIRECTOR OF USIA HAS ADVISED US THAT HE

WILL SHORTLY HAVE SCREENED CANDIDATES TO RECOMMEND;

3. ONE NAME THAT CONTINUOUSLY SURFACES AS MUCH FROM EXTERNAL AS WELL AS USG SOURCES AS A GOOD CHOICE FOR SPOKESMAN POST IS COURTNEY SHELDON, FORMER USUN INFO; OFFICER. WE HAVE NOT PURSUED THIS SINCE SHELDON WILL SOON BE 58. HOWEVER, IF USUN FEELS THAT AGE WILL NOT BE A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL CONTACT HIM. FYI-SHELDON SLIGHTLY YOUNGER THAN STAJDUHAR.

4. IN LIGHT OF BELIEF THAT SYG HAS NOT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO STADJUHAR'S ELEVATION, REQUEST THAT USUN MEET DIRECTLY WITH SYG AND ADVISE HIM THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE POWELL REPLACED WITH ANOTHER AMERICAN. IF HE STATES THAT IT IS HIS WISH TO ELEVATE STAJDUHAR, TELL HIM WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BUT CHOICE IS HIS TO MAKE. GO ON TO TELL HIM THAT WE WISH TO REPLACE STAJDUHAR IN DEPUTY POSITION WITH AN AMERICAN WHO CAN ULTIMATELY SUCCEED STAJDUHAR AS SPOKESMAN.

5. AS REQUESTED PARA 10, REFTTEL (A), DEPARTMENT WILL COMMENCE RECRUITMENT FOR CANDIDATES TO REPLACE KENNEY AS CHIEF OF PUBLICATIONS SERVICE. CHRISTOPHER

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